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In re Application of: )  
Jeffrey D. SAFFER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1631 #17  
Application No.: 09/409,260 ) Examiner: C. MAHATAN Plunkett  
Filed: September 30, 1999 )  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
EXTRACTING ATTRIBUTES )  
FROM SEQUENCE STRINGS )  
AND BIOPOLYMER MATERIAL )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of August 13, 2002. A fee of \$410.00.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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